

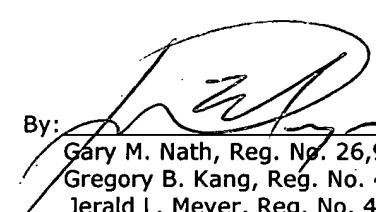
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Transmittal Letter To The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning A Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371		Attorney Docket No.: 27610U U.S. Application No.: Not Yet Assigned
International Application No.: PCT/ES2005/000143	International Filing Date: March 18, 2005	Priority Date Claimed March 18, 2004 10/589486
Title of Invention: PROTECTIVE TUBE		
Applicants for DO/EO/US: RELATS, Jordi; RELATS, Pere; ARTOLA, Dolors; FRUNS, Anna		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.<input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).<input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.<input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).<input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.<input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.<input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).<input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).		
ITEMS 11 to 20 BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.<input type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment.<input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment<input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.<input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.<input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter2 and 35 USC 1821 - 1825<input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)<input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4)<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) TRANSMITTAL LETTER; APPLICATION DATA SHEET; INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBER: WO 2005/091456 A1, WITH THE PCT/ISA/210 (INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT); INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2005, IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE; ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION, WHICH CONSISTS OF 9 PAGES: 5 PAGES OF TEXTUAL SPECIFICATION, 2 PAGES OF 6 CLAIMS, 1 PAGE FOR THE ABSTRACT, AND 1 SHEET OF DRAWINGS; EXECUTED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY; EXECUTED ASSIGNMENT, WITH A RECORDATION COVER SHEET, IN FAVOR OF RELATS, S.A., OF CALDES DE MONTBUI - (BARCELONA) SPAIN; POSTCARD FOR THE EARLY NOTIFICATION OF THE SERIAL NUMBER REQUEST.		

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<p>The following fees are submitted:</p> <p>21. X Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... \$ 300.00</p> <p>22. X Examination Fee (37 CFR 1.492 (c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the International Preliminary Examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$ 0.00 All other situations \$ 200.00</p> <p>23. X Search Fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International Preliminary Examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$ 0.00 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$ 100.00 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB \$ 400.00 All other situations \$ 500.00</p>				CALCULATION	PTO USE ONLY
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<p>– Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding Sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$ 250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.</p>					
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17-100 =	/50 =		X \$250		
<p>– Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 20 — 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p>					
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TOTAL	6-20=	0	X \$50		
INDEPENDENT	1-3=	0	X \$200		
Multiple dependent claims (if applicable)				+ \$360	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 900.00	
<p>X Applicant claims small entity status. Fees above are reduced by ½.</p>					
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 450.00	
<p>– Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).</p>					
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 450.00	
<p>– Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +</p>				\$ 40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 490.00	
				Amount to be: refunded	\$
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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two checks in the amounts of \$450.00 and \$ 40.00 to cover the above fees are enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account Number: 14-0112 in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number: 14-0112.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit Card Information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.</p> <p>Send All Correspondence To:</p> <p>Gary M. Nath NATH & ASSOCIATES PLLC 112 South West Street Alexandria, VA 22314 TEL: (703) 548-6284 FAX: (703) 683-8396</p> <p>Date: <u>August 15, 2006</u> By: </p> <p>Gary M. Nath, Reg. No. 26,965 Gregory B. Kang, Reg. No. 45,273 Jerald L. Meyer, Reg. No. 41,194 Customer No. 20529</p>		

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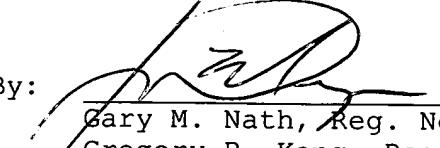
Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- 1) Transmittal Letter to U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning Filing under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- 2) International Publication Number: WO 2005/091456 A1, with the PCT/ISA/210 (International Search Report); International Publication Date: September 29, 2005, in the Spanish Language;
- 3) English Translation of the International Publication, which consists of 9 pages:
 - 5 pages of Textual Specification,
 - 2 pages of 6 Claims,
 - 1 page for the Abstract, and
 - 1 sheet of Drawings;
- 4) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- 5) Executed Assignment, with a Recordation Cover Sheet, in favor of RELATS, S.A., of Caldes de Montbui - (Barcelona) SPAIN;
- 6) Check No.: 2636 in the Amount of \$450.00 for the Basic Filing Fee, which includes the Search and Examination Fees, as a Small Entity;
- 7) Check No.: 2637 in the Amount of \$40.00 for the fee for the Recordation of the Assignment document;
- 8) Postcard for Early Notification of the Serial Number Request.

Respectfully submitted,
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